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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, the 18th May 1976/Vaishakha 28, 1898 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at One of the Clock.

[MADAM SPEAKER (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA), in the Chair]

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Amount allotted for Western Ghats Development Scheme

661. **Sri V.M. Ghadi** (Haliyal).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount allotted for the Western Ghats Development Scheme, particularly to the Karwar District ;

(*b*) the amount spent so far in North Kanara district ;

(*c*) the Progress achieved since its inception ;

(*d*) whether Haliyal and Mundgod taluks are not included in this scheme ;

(*e*) if so, the reasons ;

(*f*) whethe the Government intend to include the same in the scheme ?

SRI M.Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance and Housing) [on behalf of SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)]—.

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The amounts have not been allotted to districts for taluks as such, but to the various sectors for implementing schemes in the 28 taluks identified as the Western Ghats Region. While

district and taluk-wise figures are not available, the expenditure during 1974-75 and the provision in the 1975-76 in the various sectors are given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sector		Expr. 1974-75	Provision 1975-76
Agriculture	...	2-93	5-00
Horticulture	...	3-40	3-50
Animal Husbandry	...	1·78	2-50
Minor Irrigation	...	...	4·00
Forestry	...	14-83	8-02
Small Industries	...	3-90	3-95
Tourism	...	1·00	1-00
Western G' ats	...	...	...
Cell	...	0-21	1-03
Total	...	28-05	29-00

(*d*) (*e*) and (*f*) Haliyal and Mundgod are among the 55 taluks identified as Malnad by the State Government. Out of them only 28 taluks, constituting the Western Ghats Region as delineated by the Second Irrigation Commission have been taken up as a 'priority area' for implementing the schemes for Western Ghats Development fully financed by the Government of India. Haliyal and Mundgod are not included in this 28 taluks. When the scheme is expanded by the Central Government, the question of including these two taluks will be taken up.

SRI V. M. GHADI.—In aswer to my question (a) you have stated that the expenditure during 1974-75 was 28.05 lakhs. Whether this amount is for the whole scheme or for Karwar District only ?

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE.—This is for the 28 taluks which have been classified as Malnad areas in the whole scheme.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಎಂ. ಘಾಡಿ.—ಇದಿಷ್ಟು ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಕೀಮ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಂದರೆ ವೆಸ್ಟರ್ನ್ ಘಾಟ್ಸ್ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೈ. ಘೋರ್ಪಡೆ :—ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವಹಾಗೆ ಮಲನಾಡು ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಏರಿಯಾ ಎಂದು ೨೮ ತಾಲೂಕುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹಾಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ೨೫ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ೨೫ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆ ಖರ್ಚಾಗಿರುವುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಡಿಮೆ ೪ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳೆಂದು ಅಂದಾಜು ಇದೆ. ಈ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ೨೮ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ೧೯೭೪-೭೫ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ, ೨೯ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ೧೯೭೫-೭೬ರಲ್ಲಿ ಖರ್ಚು

ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ನಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದಂ ಎಲ್ಲ ೨೮ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಬರೇ ಕಾರವಾರ ಒಂದೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ನಮ್ಮ ಪಂಚವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿರ ತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಇದೂ ಪೂರಕವಾದ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಎಂ. ಘಾಡಿ. - ವೆಸ್ಟರ್ನ್ ಘಾಟ್ಸ್‌ನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡನ್ನು ರಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಡೆವಲಪ್ ಮಾಡಲಂ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE.—Madam Speaker, this matter has been considered very carefully by the Government and the thinking of the Government is that it is not helpful to set up regional Boards for the development. If you go on setting up boards like this one in Malnad, one in another dry area of North Karnataka and so on and so forth—then there will be no end to it. And merely setting up boards does not act on the financial resources that may be available. Therefore, the thinking does not help or accelerate development of any area by setting up boards. What is needed is to concentrate more on the backward areas with whatever finance we are able to muster either inside or outside the plan.

This attempt of the Government of India to get together the State which have got the Malnad or the hilly regions is an attemt to focus the attention on the needs of that area. As a matter of fact, they went by the Irrigation Commission's analysis of what are the hilly areas and they wanted these 3 or 4 States to come together and study the problem of this area in an integrated manner so that the picture would be clear. Incidentally the idea was also to supplement the State Plans by whatever monies that might be available outside the State Plan, but certainly the intention was not to take over the total development of the Malnad Region as a result of the so called integrated development of the Western Ghats scheme. Though the name is very high-sounding and impressive, it should not give a misleading picture. The whole intention of the Government of India is to focus the attention on these areas and supplement to the extent possible the State's efforts. As a matter of fact in the plans we had given importance to the malnad areas and the drought areas. For instance, the Drought Area Development programme is meant for the drought prone area, but there is no separete Board for drought prone areas though the scheme is there In our plan it is the intention of the government to give maximum attention to malnad areas. In order to improve these areas, it is not nessary to set up separate Boards. Even if separate boards are set up, that does not automatically increse the finances available to such areas.